

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application. Claims 1-47 were filed with the application. Claim 46 has been cancelled and Claim 47 has been amended to depend from Claim 45. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Accordingly Claims 1-45 and 47 are currently pending in the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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